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Hispanic Heritage Celebration today

The Naval Station Multicultural Committee will hold its annual celebration at Ward Field today from noon to 3:30 p.m. The event will include food, poetry, cultural dances, a jalapeno-eating contest and a salsa dancing contest with prizes for winners.

Navy/Marine Corps News unveils new look

Navy Marine Corps News (NMCN) will bring its new look to DTS [Direct to Sailor], Armed Forces Radio and Television Service, and the Pentagon Channel today. From the Naval Media Center's "Pier 168" in Washington, D.C., the new show will unveil a look that captures the energy of the Navy and Marine Corps team at work in a more dramatic and modern setting. The content of Navy Marine Corps News will also change with the addition of "News You Can Use," a one minute news block of useful information for Sailors and Marines.

Chung-Hoon commissioned



Crowds assemble on the pier next to USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) shortly before the ship's commissioning ceremony held at Pearl Harbor. The ship is named in honor of Rear Adm. Gordon Paie'a Chung-Hoon, who was born and raised in Hawai'i and awarded the Navy Cross and Silver Star for gallantry.

Hawai'i welcomes Navy's newest Pearl Harbor ship

JO1 Daniel J. Calderón
Editor

The U.S. Navy welcomed USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) into the fleet Sept. 18 at a commissioning ceremony on Ford Island.

Approximately 75 members of Rear Adm. Gordon Paiea Chung-Hoon's family were on hand for the ceremony honoring the Hawai'i native.

In addition, several hundred members of the crew's family and friends were in the audience. Local Sailors also attended to welcome their newest shipmates to Hawai'i.

"I can't describe the feeling," said Lt. Steve Shedd, Chung-Hoon weapons officer and commissioning coordinator. "When I first got orders to the Chung-Hoon, I had no idea who Admiral Chung-Hoon was."

Shedd had the opportunity to read Rear Adm. Chung-Hoon's biography and learned about the Hawaiian native's heroism during World War II. During the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, Chung-Hoon, who was a lieutenant at the time, was stationed aboard USS Arizona.

He later took command of USS Sigsbee (DD 502) and received the Navy Cross and Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and extraordinary heroism for his actions after a kamikaze fighter slammed into the ship.

Although the ship was severely damaged by the



Dancers from Halau Hula Ohana perform at Saturday's commissioning ceremony for USS Chung-Hoon.

attack, Chung-Hoon, a commander at the time, continued to supervise and direct firefighting and damage control efforts in addition to continuing the anti-aircraft fire against other enemy planes. Rear Adm. Chung-Hoon retired from the Navy in 1959 and died in July 1979.

The ship's motto, "Imua e na Koa Kai," which is Hawaiian for "Go forward Sea Warriors," is a salute to Rear Adm. Chung-Hoon's heroism and determination. Sailors aboard said they were proud to be stationed in Hawai'i aboard a ship honoring the admiral.

"I feel lucky," said Seaman Apprentice Joshual Thurman, of Atlanta, "It feels good to be on a ship named for a Navy hero. I know we will do our best to live up to his name."

Family members of the crew are pleased to be sta-

tioned in Hawai'i.

"It's great to be here. This is a beautiful place," said Lisette Grant. Her husband, Electronics Technician 2nd Class Winston Grant, is stationed aboard Chung-Hoon. "So far, everyone I've encountered has been rally nice."

The commissioning ceremony paid homage to Rear Adm. Chung-Hoon's combined Chinese and Hawaiian ancestry. Lion dancers from Lung Kong Physical Culture Club were on hand to entertain several hundred assembled audience members.

The Halau Hula Ohana was also a part of the cultural celebration for the assembled family and friends of the ship and her crew. The Honolulu Boy's Choir performed a selection of songs including "America

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Veterans from USS Sigsbee walk on the pier before Saturday's commissioning of USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93). The ship is named for their former commanding officer aboard Sigsbee.

Sigsbee vets remember Admiral Chung-Hoon

JO3 Michaela Kekedy
Staff Writer

Cmdr. Gordon Pai'ea Chung-Hoon of USS Sigsbee (DD 502) so inspired his young crew that their memories of the man are still vivid almost 60 years later as they gathered to honor him at the commissioning of USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93).

The future rear admiral served as Sigsbee's commanding officer from May 1944 to October 1945 with many in the crew under the age of 18.

"He was rough and tough and a little baby at heart," said former Fireman 1st Class Marvin Green who served onboard the Sigsbee. "He knew what to do and did a good job. He looked out for his people."

That commitment to his crew was the reason Chung-Hoon would not scuttle his heavily damaged ship: some

of his crew did not know how to swim.

The Sigsbee was hit by a kamikaze on April 14, 1945 while on radar picket station off Okinawa. Although 23 crewmen were killed and the ship's stern was missing after the explosion, Chung-Hoon ordered his men to continue firing the ships' guns to protect the battle group while simultaneously he directed the damage control efforts.

"My general quarters station was the bridge," said former Sonarman 2nd Class Wesley George of Wilkesboro, N.C. "I saw the kamikaze coming from the port side, heading right for the bridge. I saw the pilot's face, saw the bomb on the bottom. Captain was directing fire and told the quartermaster to turn the ship to starboard. Immediately

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Local Sailors serve aboard Chung-Hoon



BMC(SW) KAPIOLANI MALAMALA

My name is Kapiolani Malamala. I am from Kailua, Oahu. I went to middle school at Kailua Intermediate and graduated from Kalaheo High School in 1988. I joined the Navy shortly after graduation. I have been in the Navy for 16 years. I am happily married to Mary and we have three children, daughter, Tawnee and sons, Vai and Salesi. My three previous commands have been in Hawai'i. They were the USS John S. McCain (DDG 56), USS Chosin (CG 65) and Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific. My family is currently residing in AMR housing and will be there through the duration of my tour on board USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93).



SN CHRISTY L. MONIZ

I was born in Hilo, Hawai'i on Dec. 3, 1984 at Hilo Hospital. I have four brothers and three sisters. I've been an aunty since I was five years old and now I'm a proud aunty of 17 nieces and nephews. I am a 2002 graduate of Waiakea High School. Now, I am a 19-year-old and I've been in the Navy for about seven months. I am very happy to be stationed back home in Hawai'i and to be a part of the Chung-Hoon ohana.



DC3 JOHN M. WEST

My name is John West. I was born in 1982 at Wahiawa General Hospital, Hawaii. I lived in Haleiwa my whole life and graduated from Waialua High School. I am married. I have been in the Navy for four years. My previous commands consist of the USS Lake Champlain, which I was attached to from 2001 until 2003, and the USS Shiloh, from 2003-2004. Now, I am currently attached to the USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93).



ITSN DON M. MAHILUM

I lived in Waimea and Kalopa on the Big Island. I went to high school in the town of Honokaa, then did two years of college at UH Manoa on Oahu, spent a few years in the Dallas/Fort Worth area in Texas, then moved back to Hawai'i. I am the youngest of six children. I've got three brothers: one brother is a GSM1, and is the recruiter that got me, and two sisters. I enlisted on July 15, 2003, graduated from IT A-School Jan. 21, 2004, and arrived at the pre-commissioning unit, Jan. 22, 2004. Chung-Hoon is my first command. My wife lives in Oahu and we have no children.



DCC(SW) KEONE K. KAAIHUE

My name is Keone K. Kaaihue. I was born to very proud parents, John and Linda Mathias, at Queen's Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawai'i. The Hawaiian side of my family is from my father, who is originally from Kaupo, Maui, but I was raised on O'ahu. I attended Alva Scott and Waiau Elementary Schools. I went to Highlands Intermediate and Pearl City High School.

I transferred from Pearl City to attend and graduate high school in the mainland, California. I entered naval service June 23, 1993 at San Diego, Calif. attended Damage Control 'A' School at Treasure Island, Calif. My first assignment, from 1993-1998, was aboard the USS Cushing (DD 985), which was homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i, but shifted to Yokosuka, Japan in 1998. From 1999-2003, I served as an instructor in Great Lakes, IL, for the Damage Control 'A' School.

Currently, I am attached to USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) as the repair division LCPO. My sister and brother-in-law, Candice and John Mersberg, also live in Honolulu, Hawaii. My brother-in-law is also in the Navy. He is an electronic's technician (ET) second class petty officer serving aboard the USS Lake Erie, which is homeported in Pearl Harbor.

Navy to stop paying for some housing moves Oct. 1

Karen S. Spangler

Assistant Editor

For years, Hawai'i's Navy families could rent civilian housing until a home in their ideal neighborhood, or area of their choice, became available and then have the government pay for their move to military housing. After Oct. 1, those days will be over.

Navy Region Hawai'i officials announced this week that the practice of paying for these "intra-station moves" at government expense is no longer reasonable due to the improvements in the quality of Navy family housing now available in Hawai'i.

The new Navy Region policy, affecting the funding of intra-station moves for family housing residents, will become effective Oct. 1 for Navy families in Hawai'i.

The policy change, similar to what was already implemented on the mainland in April, will enable the Navy to save thousands of dollars per fiscal year in government moving expenses.

Capt. Norman Ho, assistant chief of staff for housing for Navy Region Hawai'i, said, "The intent of our policy change is to gradually align ourselves with the CONUS policy without adversely impacting service members who are being offered older homes that have not been upgraded."

Under the new policy, if a service member arriving permanent change of station (PCS) desires family housing and it is not available, his name will be placed on the family housing waiting list. Then, when the Navy family housing office offers the service member a family housing unit and he accepts the home, the government will pay for his move.

However, if the service member declines the first offer by the housing office, the Navy will not pay for future "convenience" moves into housing. The new policy also applies to public private venture (PPV) homes.

Exceptions to the policy will be made for offers to homes that have not been upgraded by replacement, revitalization or improvements.

These neighborhoods include Catlin Park, Little Makalapa, Manana, Halawa, Red Hill and old Camp



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Devin Wright

A mover carts household goods for a Navy family. Under new rules to take effect next week, Navy families can no longer elect to use "convenience moves" if they turn down housing offered to them by the Navy Housing Office.

Stover as well as PPV homes in old sections of Halsey Terrace, McGrew Point and Radford Terrace. Once those areas are upgraded, they will be included in the new policy.

Housing officials emphasize that the new policy will not affect military families who are currently living in Hawai'i, but only newly incoming families.

"This new policy will have no effect on service members currently assigned to Oahu and on current housing waiting lists," Ho remarked. "They will be 'grandfathered' and allowed a move at government expense once their area of choice becomes available," he explained. "The new policy will affect only those families arriving in Hawai'i on or after Oct. 1." Ho said that there would be considerations for exceptions to policy on a case-by-case basis.

More than \$680 thousand was paid in fiscal year '04 by Navy Region Hawai'i to move 477 families in intra-station moves to family housing. The majority of that number, 300

moves, were the result of families who declined the first offer of housing. Under the guidelines of the new policy, approximately \$425 thousand would have been saved.

"Navy housing on Oahu will continue to make even greater strides in providing quality homes for Sailors and their families," said Ho. "As PPV continues, we will be able to replace and/or renovate all of the homes in our inventory," he noted.

Navy leadership stresses that housing is the premiere quality of life issue in today's Navy and will continue to be a high priority. "Our Navy families have the continued commitment of Navy leadership to back up what we say about the importance of quality of life and taking care of our people and that includes providing affordable, quality housing for our Navy families," emphasized Ho.

For answers to questions about the new policy, call 474-1803

Welcome home USS Salvor



U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Daniel J. Calderón

The auxiliary rescue and salvage ship USS Salvor pulls back into Pearl Harbor Monday following a deployment to the Western Pacific. The ship and crew of more than 300 officers and Sailors left Hawai'i May 3 to participate in the Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) 2004 exercises. CARAT is a regularly-scheduled series of bilateral military training exercises with Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Brunei and the Phillipines. The exercises are designed to enhance the inter-operability of the respective sea services.

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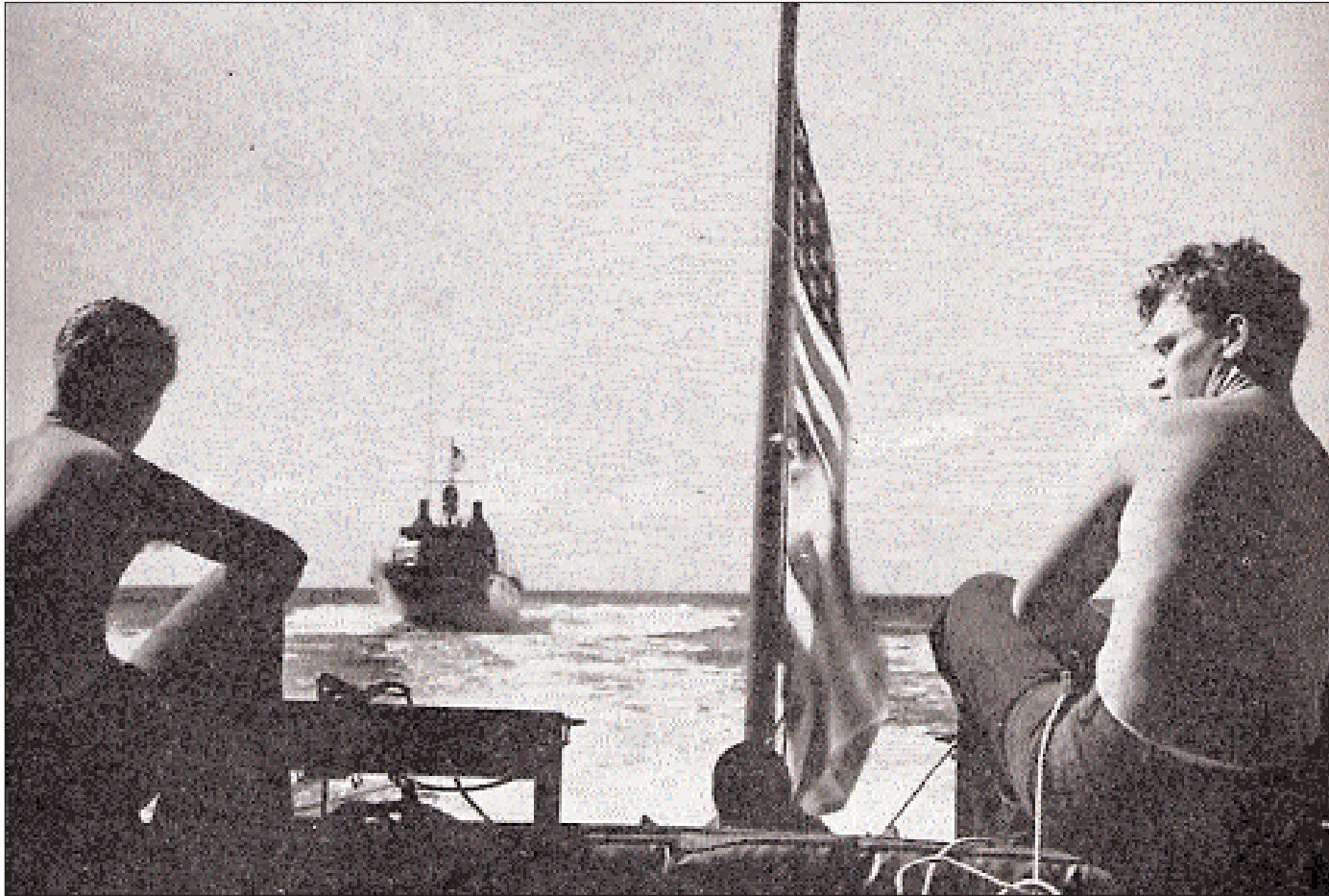
Observing Jewish Rosh Hashanah

Commentary
Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.)
Brad Hoffman
Naval Station Pearl Harbor

Beginning on the eve of Sept. 15, Jews all over the world began celebrating the Holy Day of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. According to Jewish tradition, this two-day celebration marks the anniversary of the creation of the world. This will be the year 5765. Rosh Hashanah is one of the most important Jewish Holy Days and is observed by two days of worship service. The most prominent feature regarding the observance of Rosh Hashanah is the sounding of the shofar, a ram's horn. Since ancient times, this act has been seen as a call to repentance. Rosh Hashanah also marks the beginning of a period called the Ten Days of Repentance, in which the shofar serves as a means of arousing the conscience of the people. It summons them to self-

judgment and improvement. Another feature in the observance of Rosh Hashanah is the custom of symbolically casting the sins of the individual into a running stream by tossing breadcrumbs into a river. This custom is called Tashlich and comes from the Biblical verse in the Book of Prophet Micah (7:18-20) "You shall cast all your sins into the depths of the sea." The last day of the Ten Days of Repentance is called Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. This year it is observed on the evening of Sept. 24 and the day of Sept. 25. It is, in fact, the holiest day of the Jewish calendar, a day of fasting and prayer. Jewish tradition holds that on Rosh Hashanah, the fate of every Jew for the upcoming year is inscribed in a heavenly Book of Judgment through prayer, repentance and deeds of charity. Consequently, the traditional greeting during this period is: "May you be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life."

Heading home after a hard day at sea



U.S. Navy photo
After several hours of practice maneuvers, a pair of at-sea rescue boats head for home in 1944. Two Sailors aboard one of the rescue boats watch as another rides in the wake from their boat.

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Shine the light, but beat the heat



U.S. Navy photo by J01 Daniel J. Calderon
Individuals should beware of using high-wattage bulbs in housings unsuitable for them.

Electric lights come in all sizes, shapes and colors-big, tall, large and small, red, blue, clear or coated. Whether it's inside or outside, there is an electric light for any kind of lighting project that you desire. There is another choice to make. How many watts? In simple terms, the number of watts a light bulb is determines how much light that particular bulb could produce. And there lies the problem. A light bulb can reach hundreds of degrees in a short amount of time. The greater the amount of watts of a light bulb will also determine the amount of heat that bulb will produce. On the average, the heat generated from a regular, low wattage (25 to 60 watts) light bulb is from 200 to 500 degrees. High wattage light bulbs (90 to 150 watts) burn much hotter. And halogen bulbs can reach temperature of 1650 degrees!

According to most manufacture of electric light fix-

tures, 40 to 60 watt light bulbs are recommended. Appliances usually use 25 watt bulbs. If high wattage bulbs are used, the temperature will be hot enough to melt the light cover and to set fire to nearby combustibles such as fabric curtains and decorations. Sometimes people will attempt to dry their wet clothes by draping them over the electric light fixture. You are only asking for trouble. Do not use the electric light fixture to dry clothes. If halogen types of lighting are used, make sure that nothing combustible is close by. Do not use the socket of your light fixture for anything but a light bulb. Any attempts to rig the fixture could result in a short circuit, electric shock or worse. For more information about electric lights and other fire related questions, call the Federal Fire Department's Fire prevention division at 474-7785.

Hawai'i Sailors 'talk story'

Aviation Structural Mechanic 2nd Class (AW) Eriberto Montoya

Aviation Structural Mechanic 2nd Class Eriberto Montoya has been in the Navy for just under nine years and has had an experience taking him to 47 out of the 50 states and several foreign countries during his Navy tenure. "The Navy has given me a great opportunity to travel and meet new people," said Montoya. "I have been able to see many different communities, cultures and lifestyles through the Navy. It's a great thing to get out there and see things that you don't typically see in your own local area." Montoya also noted that while working with the Blue Angels squadron at Pensacola Fla., he had his most exhilarating experience of his Navy career. "My most exciting, memorable experience in the Navy was getting to fly shotgun in an F/A-18 Blue Angel Hornet," said Montoya. "That was a definitely a rush." While he is currently stationed in a flight squadron on the island, Montoya has expanded plans for his Navy career outside the aviation world. Montoya stated he is trilingual, fluently speaking English, Spanish and French. He noted that expanding his education and expertise in these areas is a future endeavor he will follow. "I have been working with the Navy Learning

center raise my ASVAB score and eventually cross rate to cryptologic technician-interpretive (CTI)," said Montoya. "The classes have helped my English and math skills; they are very self-motivating because you are pushing yourself to do it. I would like to pursue a linguist degree and work in translation." As for future Navy goals, Montoya noted he would like to advance to the senior enlisted ranks before retiring from the Navy. "My goal in the Navy is to make senior chief as a CTI," said Montoya. "I want to be like a sponge while I'm still in, absorbing as much knowledge and experience which will be useful on the outside." Outside of the Navy, Montoya said he has many hobbies and interests, including running, woodworking and playing his violin in a local mariachi band. "I have been a musician since I was 13 years old," said Montoya. "I studied music at UCLA before I joined the Navy. I have always liked playing my violin in Mexican style Mariachi bands. I play locally at 'La Zona Latina' in a band called 'Mariachi Local.'" Montoya has run in several Los Angeles marathons, competed in cross-country running and competed in the pole-vault event at home in California.

Vital statistics

Name:
Eriberto Montoya

Hometown:
Pacoima, Calif.

Duty station:
Marine Air Logistics Squadron 24

Job:
Working on fiberglass, composites and replacing airframes

Favorite part of the job:
Traveling



U.S. Navy photo by MM3 Greg Bookout
AM2(AW) Eriberto Montoya takes a few minutes to read the newspaper at the Bowling Center on Naval Station Pearl Harbor. In addition to speaking three languages, Montoya is also an accomplished athlete and plays violin in a local mariachi band.

"I have competed in three LA marathons, bettering my time each time I ran," said Montoya. "I also participated in cross-country and track. I placed second in the pole-vault for the city of Los Angeles as a high school senior." Montoya currently resides in Kaneohe with his wife of two-years. Recently, they found out they would have a new addition to their family. "We found out about four months ago," said Montoya. "My wife Kelly and I are going to have a baby." Montoya said he considers himself a handy man who is very versatile and capable in performing skills at home. "I would like to say that I am kind of a 'jack of all trades,'" said Montoya. "I am usually able to work all around the house, doing many different

tasks." Montoya noted he really respects people who can listen and work together with him to allow him to achieve his goals. "I really appreciate those people who really listen and understand when an opportunity arises," said Montoya. "It's great that they are willing to let me pursue things like Navy College Learning Center courses and try to grab the opportunity at hand."

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FISC helps Army prepare for Operation Enduring Freedom

Jim Murray

FISC Public Affairs

Working around the clock in 12-hour shifts, personnel from the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Pearl Harbor, teamed up with Naval Reserve cargo handlers, Matson Navigation, and the U.S. Army to conduct the largest deployment loadout for the Hawai'i Army National Guard (HIARNG) since the Vietnam War.

The 40-hour loadout began on Sept. 10, and ran through Sept. 12.

Nearly 800 pieces of equipment, most of which were trucks and humvees, were loaded onto the SS Great Land, chartered by Matson Navigation Company.

The vehicles began arriving at FISC Pearl Sept. 5, and in the days leading up to the loadout, they were staged over every piece of available real estate in the area.

By the time the SS Great Land docked at Pier K-11, the vehicles covered seven acres of land.

FISC cargo checkers logged the arrival of every vehicle as well as all the equipment they carried, which included items such as tents, camouflage netting, and night vision goggles. Other vehicles were driven to Honolulu Harbor and commercially loaded onto the Matson vessels Manulani and Matsonia.

All three vessels sailed for Tacoma, Wash., and Long Beach, Calif., where the vehicles and equipment were offloaded onto railcars and sent to Fort Bliss, Texas.

The 29th Brigade Combat Team, an element of the Hawai'i Army National Guard, will conduct pre-deployment training exercises at Fort Bliss, after which it



Photo by Jim Murray

Army equipment is lined up and waiting transport outside the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Pearl Harbor.

will deploy to Iraq.

This was FISC Pearl's sixth loadout over the past year in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

In January, approximately 4,800 soldiers from the 25th Infantry were sent to Kirkuk, Iraq and FISC Pearl spent four days loading 2,300 helicopters, containers,



Photo by Jim Murray

An Army vehicle heads up the ramp for transport to Operation Enduring Freedom.

vehicles, and other war materiel onboard USNS Pililaau (T-AKR 304).

In mid-February, Pililaau returned for a loadout in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, which saw more than 2,000 pieces of additional war materiel loaded for use in Afghanistan.

A smaller OIF loadout was conducted in the spring and involved war materiel for the 3rd Marine Radio Battalion. Two other small OIF loadouts were conducted for the 25th Infantry Division, one early in the year and the other in August.

In addition to the OIF/OEF loadouts, FISC Pearl also completed two April loadouts for Exercise Cobra Gold, which is conducted annually in Thailand.

Away from the piers, FISC Pearl's Joint Personal Property Shipping Office (JPPSO) has also borne a huge OIF/OEF burden. Roughly 4,000 deploying Soldiers have now gone through JPPSO to book temporary storage for their personal property.



Photos courtesy CGC Jarvis

Coast Guardsmen from Coast Guard Cutter Jarvis inspect a seized bale of cocaine after retrieving it from the ocean.

CGC Jarvis seizes 4,300 pounds of cocaine

Ensign Carla Longanecker

U.S. Coast Guard Public Affairs

The crew aboard Coast Guard Cutter Jarvis, homeported in Honolulu, made its first cocaine seizure in over five years Sept. 9 and recovered 80 bales of cocaine, worth \$40 million.

The Jarvis and crew, which has predominantly patrolled Alaskan waters enforcing High Seas Drift Net regulations, Maritime Boundary Line restrictions, and domestic fishery laws, are currently conducting counter drug operations in the eastern Pacific.

"This is a sometimes forgotten war where the stakes are still very high," said Capt. Michael Jett, Jarvis' commanding officer.

A Navy P-3 aircraft patrolling the area spotted a go-fast vessel and immediately informed Jarvis' crew. Jarvis maneuvered toward the go-fast, launching its helicopter, an HH-65 Dolphin, while initiating pursuit. Operational limitations and calm seas aided the go-fast in escaping; however, Jarvis succeeded in forcing the smugglers to dump their entire product in order to evade arrest.

The Jarvis crew used a life ring rigged with a radar reflector and a strobe light to mark the bales' position in the water. This marker,

created by Petty Officer 2nd Class Marika Hough of Martinsburg, W. Va. and Petty Officer 3rd Class Jared Tierney of Austin, Texas allowed Jarvis to continue pursuit without losing the ditched contraband.

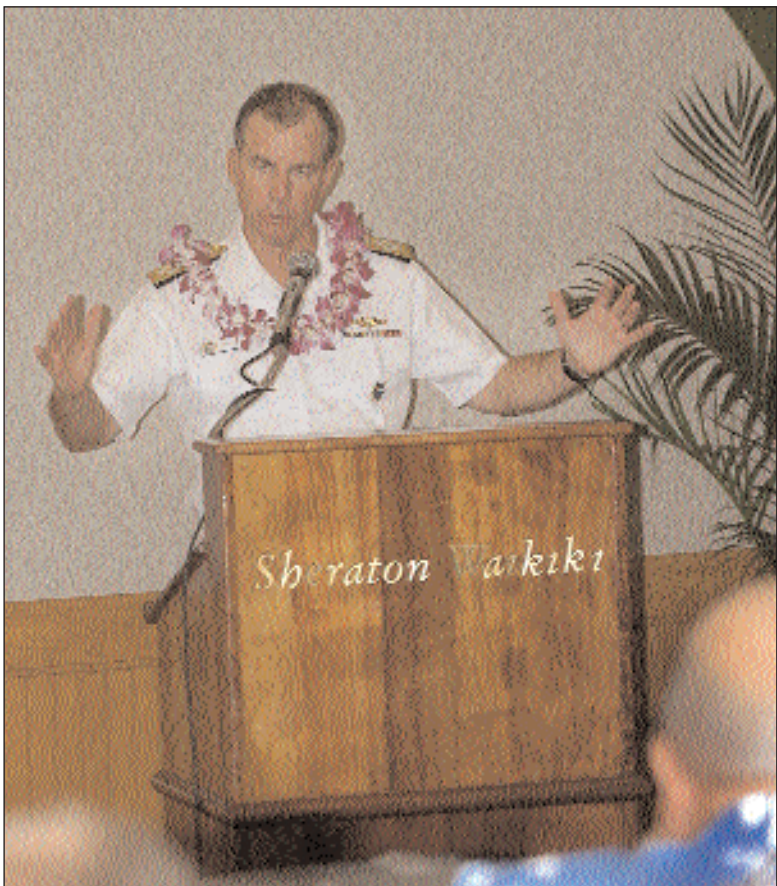
The Jarvis launched its small boat and backtracked along the go-fast's course. Fourteen hours later, the crew had retrieved 80 bales of cocaine from the go-fast, thereby preventing 4,387 pounds of this deadly substance from entering the United States. Street value of the product is estimated at \$40 million.

The bust lifted the spirits of the crew as it was a tangible success resulting from months of preparation.

"I hear a lot of concerns every day as a department head," said Lt. J.g. Chad Brick of Tabernacle, N.J., weapons department head and boarding officer. "Crew members miss their families, they feel overworked, and they occasionally even question their job in the Coast Guard. All the sacrifices that we make out here every day draw great benefits and also allow us to refocus our personal concerns on our mission rather easily."

The Jarvis and crew continue to train and sharpen strategies with the expectation of achieving more "wins" prior to returning to Hawai'i.

Fargo outlines Pacific's security challenges



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Moreen Ishikawa
Adm. Thomas Fargo, commander of U.S. Pacific Command, describes challenges facing the U.S. military in the region to participants at the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference on Sept. 11.

Donna Miles
American Forces
Press Service

Adm. Thomas Fargo, commander of U.S. Pacific Command, told a group of U.S. civilian leaders Sept. 11 that "the center of gravity of our security interests is moving."

Fargo met with about 50 business, civic and academic leaders participating in the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference to outline the challenges facing U.S. Pacific Command, which covers 52 percent of the world's surface and includes 43 countries and 20 territories.

Among those challenges, he said, is the continued standoff in Korea, as well as concerns over the possible presence of nuclear weapons on the Korean Peninsula, tension between China and Taiwan and the modernization of China's military.

Addressing the group on the third anniversary of terrorist attacks on the

World Trade Center and Pentagon, Fargo said another critical concern is the rise of terrorism in Southeast Asia — which he said the United States and its coalition partners are committed to squelching.

During the past six months alone, he said the United States and Singapore have worked together to arrest more than 200 suspected Jamal Islamaya terrorism.

But despite progress, Fargo acknowledged that terrorists are breeding more followers faster than the coalition can apprehend them — and that the United States can't relent in its effort to obliterate them.

"If the terrorists come out on top of this, it will change the world for the foreseeable future," he said. "We can't let that happen."

As the civilian leaders prepared to leave for Korea during the first stop of an itinerary Fargo called "as jam-packed as any we've ever produced," he encouraged them to

learn all they can about "the finest military I've seen in my 34 years of service."

Fargo called the U.S. military's technology "the finest in the world, unmatched by any adversary."

But even more impressive, he said, are the men and women in uniform who put that technology to use in defense of the United States and its interests in the Pacific and around the world.

"This is an amazing generation of young men and women," he said. "They're fearless and unafraid of hard work."

Fargo said members of the U.S. military "perform well because they're convinced that they have the absolute support of the American people" and thanked the civilian leaders for their continued support.

Allison Barber, deputy assistant secretary of defense for public liaison, told group members she hopes the trip will provide a snapshot of the military that demon-

strates its capabilities.

But, like Fargo, Barber said she's particularly excited about the opportunity to introduce them to individual members of the armed forces.

"Our technology is impressive," she told them. "But the men and women in the military are inspiring."

The conference has been introducing civilian "movers and shakers" with little or no military exposure to the workings of the armed forces since the first U.S. defense secretary, James V. Forrestal, created the program in 1948.

Nearly six decades later, it remains DoD's premier civic leader program.

Participants are selected from hundreds of candidates nominated by military commands worldwide and pay their own expenses throughout the conference.

This is just the third conference to include visits to U.S. installations overseas and the first to the Pacific.

Going long for distance and accuracy



U.S. Navy photo by J03 Michaela Kekedy
Seaman Jordan Colkos of USS Reuben James (FFG 57) aims for the bull's eye in the Heaving Line Toss. Next week's issue of Hawai'i Navy News will feature more photos and a full article on Surface Line Week activities and results.

Lake Erie returns to Palau

Ensign Jared Samuelson
USS Lake Erie

The U.S. Navy, represented by USS Lake Erie (CG 70), returned to the island of Malakal, Republic of Palau, Monday to help the tiny island nation celebrate the 60th anniversary of the battle of Peleliu and the subsequent liberation of the Republic of Palau.

The port visit provided an opportunity for Lake Erie Sailors to enjoy rest and recreation, as well as conduct cultural exchanges with the people of Palau.

While in port, Sailors enjoyed the scenic beaches and numerous scuba diving opportunities presented by the country's more than 200 islands.

It wasn't all play for the ship's crew, however. The ship hosted tours for local students who wanted to learn about the Navy. Lake Erie also sent select Sailors to schools, accompanied by members of Naval Recruiting District Marianas, to provide the students a glimpse of the advantages offered in a Navy career. In addition, 25 Lake Erie Sailors participated in a community relations project at a local church. They painted the church's interior and built a sound booth for the church's auditorium.

Lake Erie, which had just completed port visits in Kwajalein Atoll and Guam, also played a major role in

the 60th anniversary celebration. Ship's company, along with U.S. and Japanese veterans, marched in the parade and participated in Independence Day ceremonies at the Palau National Track and Field and at the Peleliu Museum. Upon completion of the celebration, U.S. veterans also toured Lake Erie and were provided a perspective on a modern U.S. Navy cruiser.

"The crew interaction with the veterans was phenomenal," said Capt. Joe Horn, Lake Erie's commanding officer. "Each veteran relayed how proud they were to see Sailors marching in the ceremony. They even asked several Sailors to autograph their programs. Our Sailors complied, but were surprised these heroes of Peleliu should have made a fuss over them."

During Operation Stalemate II, the 1st Marine Division and the Army's 81st Infantry Division, supported by the Navy's Third Amphibious Group landed on Peleliu on Sept. 15, 1944. They met fierce resistance from the island's 10,700-strong Japanese garrison. The battle finally ended on Nov. 25. American casualties numbered over 10,000, including 1,460 killed. The 1st Marine Regiment was withdrawn after one week, having sustained 56 percent casualties. Fewer than 300 of the Japanese defenders survived.



U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Nathanael T. Miller
Crew members of the USS Lake Erie (CG 70) march by the dais at the Palau National Track and Field during the ceremony celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Peleliu.

Extending a helping hand

USS Lake Erie (CG 70) kicked off its participation in the 60th anniversary celebration of the battle of Peleliu and the liberation of the Republic of Palau by joining hands with local citizens to refurbish the Palau Baptist Church.

Pastor Terrence McClure and 25 Lake Erie Sailors gathered at the church Monday morning to begin work. After McClure and his family served a hot meal, the crew started to work scraping and painting the church's interior. They also built a sound booth in the church's auditorium and helped build a float in preparation for the Independence Day parade.

"I'm just very, very pleased with all this," McClure said. "There's some miracles happening here. They've really pushed us ahead several weeks."

Lake Erie's chaplain, Lt. Eric Hill, and his assistant, RP2 Rupert Cleridor, set up the project with Pastor McClure.

"I was looking for churches and (McClure's) name came up, so I sent him an e-mail," Cleridor said.

Sailors also found it a rewarding experience.

"The food was excellent. It's our first home-cooked meal in three weeks," said DC1 (SW) Mark Watson. "I think we've done a great thing for the island here."



J0C(SW/AW) David Rush
CS3 James Edwards (left) receives assistance loading food into the new convection oven from CS1 Charles Polen aboard USS Los Angeles (SSN 688). Homeported in Pearl Harbor, the attack submarine is the first in the Pacific Fleet to install and use the new oven.

USS Los Angeles turns heat up with new oven

Lt. Kevin McLenithan
USS Los Angeles
Public Affairs

USS Los Angeles (SSN 688), also known as "The First and Finest," is now known for another first.

It is the first attack submarine in the Pacific to install a new and unique convection oven specifically made to meet the demands of a submarine.

The installation of the new oven took place piarside in early September at Pearl Harbor. Made by Market Forge Industries, the oven is comprised of only nine parts, which makes it easy to assemble and disassemble, providing easy access down the hatch of a submarine.

Leading chief petty officer of the culinary specialist division, Chief Culinary Specialist Raymond Black stated, "It helps make our job down here a bit easier. With efficient, uniform heating, our products will improve."

"We really couldn't have asked for a better oven. This one outperforms the last one by leaps and bounds," added Culinary Specialist 1st Class Charles Houtz, who also expressed his appreciation and made mention of the uniform cooking and the easy to use, built in timer.

Culinary Specialist 1st Class Charles Polen is delighted to be the first submariner in the Pacific fleet to use the new oven. "The most unbelievable achievement is the fact that it can be broken down into nine sections, which makes it the most optimal replacement oven for every submarine in the Pacific and Atlantic submarine fleet," said Polen.

In addition to its portability, according to Polen, the oven works extremely well.

"The new oven outperformed the old oven with flying colors. The oven fan operates so efficiently there is an even browning of all food."

The oven features a constant cook setting which allows the user to cook food at a constant temperature for an infinite amount of time. Finished with stainless steel panels inside and out and French type doors that open a full 180 degrees, the oven is very easy to clean. Other advantages include high-grade insulation, five full shelves and a safety door latch designed to keep the doors closed in any pitch and roll environment.

Homeported at Pearl Harbor, USS Los Angeles is a dry deck shelter platform that feeds more than 140 Sailors up to six meals a day. Los Angeles received the Capt. Edward Ney Award in 2003 for excellence in food service.

Launched on April 6, 1974 at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company in Newport News, Va., she was commissioned on Nov. 13, 1976. Designed as follow-on to the Sturgeon-class submarines built during the 1960s, the Los Angeles-class incorporated improved sound quieting and a larger propulsion plant than previous classes.

Her many capabilities include wartime functions of undersea warfare, surface warfare, strike warfare, mining operations, special forces delivery, reconnaissance, carrier battle group support and escort, and intelligence collection.

Chung-Hoon: Hawai'i, Navy meet, greet new shipmates

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the Beautiful," "God Bless America" and a medley of service songs.

Among the special guests were Hawai'i Senator Daniel Inouye and Hawai'i Governor Linda Lingle.

"This ceremony reminds me of another recent honor ... when I served as sponsor of USS Honolulu," Lingle said, referring to her trip to Rhode Island to inscribe her name on a metal plate aboard the submarine Honolulu. "There was nothing there to match the cultural display today."

Lingle expressed her pride in being a part of the commissioning ceremony and her admiration of Admiral Chung-Hoon, his namesake ship and the crew that will serve aboard.

"The USS Chung-Hoon stands as an icon of bravery," she said. "I want you to know I speak on behalf of all the people of the state of Hawai'i when I tell you how proud I am of Gordon Paiea Chung-Hoon who risked his life to save so many of his crew and how proud I am to welcome you, the crew, today. Hawai'i and the United States Navy have had a long and meaningful partnership," she continued. "The Navy is our front line of defense in this part of the world. The people of Hawai'i respect the Navy. Clearly, the Navy is good for Hawai'i and Hawai'i is good for the Navy. Our state is proud to do our part for the Navy and we're proud to have this ship named for one of our own."

Rear Adm. Brad Hicks, Commander, Naval Surface Warfare Center and Deputy Commander, Warfare Systems Engineering Naval Sea Systems Command, was also on hand as a special guest for the ceremony. He spoke about the great power the ship represents and expressed a bit of jealousy toward Cmdr. Kenneth Williams, Chung-Hoon's commanding officer.

"This ship will play an important role in our Navy, not just for years to come, but for decades to come because she is built well," Hicks said to the crowd and to the assembled Chung-Hoon Sailors. "As the commissioning crew, you will set the standard for a long time to come. We expect you to live up to the tradition of the namesake. Carry on the legacy of Admiral Chung-Hoon, a great warrior, and create your own legacy. Commander Williams, I envy you," Hicks admitted. "Enjoy every 'daggone' day you are in command. There is no greater honor than to serve our country in our Navy."

On hand to speak about the ship and welcome the principal speaker was Adm. Walter F. Doran, commander U.S. Pacific Command.

"This is truly a great day for the United States, for the United States Navy, for the state of Hawai'i and I



U.S. Navy photo by PH1(AW)William R. Goodwin
Hawai'i Governor Linda Lingle speaks with USS Chung Hoon (DDG 93) commanding officer Cmdr Kenneth Williams shortly after the ship's commissioning ceremony Saturday.

know for the Chung-Hoon family," began Doran. "I'm confident the officers and men of this ship will be ready for any challenge."

He then introduced Hawai'i Senator Daniel Inouye.

"There is no more staunch supporter of our military," Doran said. "I doubt during his Army career that he ever envisioned himself at the commissioning of a Navy ship."

"This a great honor for me and the state of Hawai'i," began Inouye. "It is fitting that the ship is being commissioned in the same harbor where the USS Arizona memorial honors Admiral Chung-Hoon's fallen shipmates. This ship brings to 12 the number of surface ships based out of Pearl Harbor."

Inouye also spoke about the importance of the ship and of the crew to the safety and security of the nation and the state of Hawai'i.

"While the Chung-Hoon is a powerful ship, replete with advanced technology and weapons systems, we depend on the crew," he said. "As I look out at the men and women here, we can be assured that our future is in good hands. I'm confident they will do honor to the ship's namesake and I proudly welcome you all to the great state of Hawai'i."

Following the addresses by the speakers, Doran placed the ship in commission.

"May God bless and guard this warship and all who sail on and in her," he said before the colors and commissioning pennant were hoisted aloft aboard Chung-Hoon.

Williams then read his orders and assumed command. He ordered the first

watch set and Lt. j.g. David Coles assumed the duty as Chung-Hoon's first officer of the deck. Punana Chung-Hoon, ship sponsor and niece of Admiral Chung-Hoon, then took the microphone and addressed the crew.

"Sea Warriors," she began, "man our ship and bring her to life."

Chung-Hoon's crew rushed aboard the ship, fired air from the torpedo tubes, blew smoke from the stacks and swiveled the 5-inch guns to show she was now in service.

"We sit here surrounded by history," remarked Williams. "We are ready to serve with our brothers and sisters in the Navy. It is an honor to be a part of the future as we write a new chapter of the Navy in Hawai'i here aboard USS Chung-Hoon. We Sea Warriors pledge to do our best everyday because we know excellence is a habit and not a journey."

After the ceremony, the audience had the chance to tour the ship and see Hawai'i's newest naval asset for themselves. The assembled crew felt the event was a success.

"I feel all the hard work we put into it really paid off," said Gas Turbine Systems Technician-Mechanical 1st Class (SW) Joseph Iriarte, of Lompoc, Calif. "There is a lot of pressure to perform, though, with the ship being named for Admiral Chung-Hoon, but I know we'll all rise to the challenge."

Williams was moved by the ceremony and by the welcome received by the people of Hawai'i.

"This really is a blessed ship," William said. "Mahalo and we'll see you on deck."

Chung-Hoon treats family members, guests to day cruise

JOSN Ryan C. McGinley

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The Navy's newest and most advanced Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) held a family cruise Monday for family members, honored guests of the Chung-Hoon family and crew members of USS Sigsbee, which Rear. Adm. Gordon Paie'a Chung-Hoon commanded during the Battle of Okinawa.

Chung-Hoon circled the island of Oahu as the crew treated guests to a steel beach picnic, high-speed maneuvers and a wreath-laying ceremony to pay tribute to Rear. Adm. Chung-Hoon's brother Harold Chung-Hoon, who watched the ship from his home in Waianae.

"It's very important to show the Navy and Americans what their tax dollars are paying for and to show family members how well trained their sons and daughters are," said Cmdr. Kenneth L. Williams Jr., Chung-Hoon's commanding officer.

Sailors got to show their family members what they do everyday aboard the ship, something they think is important for their family to know.

"I wanted to show them around the ship," said Sonar Technician-Surface 1st Class (SW) Patrick Michael Vaughan, who brought his daughter and brother. "I think it's important for the families to be able to see what we do on an everyday basis."

"For the family members, it's very nice to see what their mom, dad, brother, sister, cousin, son or daughter is doing for a living," said Williams. "It's very hard to explain what we do for a living. The easiest thing to



U.S. Navy photo by JOSN Ryan C. McGinley
The son of a Sailor aboard the Navy's newest and most advanced Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer, USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), salutes USS Utah Memorial as the ship renders honors during a family cruise.



U.S. Navy photo by JOSN Ryan C. McGinley
GSM2 Mark McGuill helps a family member take a fuel sample aboard USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) during a family cruise.

do is just to show people what we do."

Family members of Rear. Adm. Chung-Hoon attended the cruise to lay the wreath used during the commissioning ceremony into the waters off Waianae.

"We're out here for him and to be a part of the celebration," said Robert Kumo'o St. Claire, nephew of Rear. Adm. Chung-Hoon. "It was important for our Hawaiian heritage that we pay respects and honor to him."

All of the family members agreed the ride aboard Chung-Hoon was a great experience, and they were very thankful to see their Sailors.

"I've never been on a ship," said David Marks, whose son is stationed aboard the ship. "I've never even been near military ships. Getting a ride on a destroyer is excellent. It's great to see how well [Sailors] really get along and it's family oriented, which is really great."

Marks also said that it's important to know that their son is safe with the events going on around the world.

"No matter how old they get, they will always be their mommy's babies," said Marks. "With all the state of the art equipment on here, you know they are safe."

Chafee takes CPO selectees to the next level

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The guided missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) held battle station drills Sept. 16 for its chief petty officer selectees, culminating six weeks of physical training, practical team building and leadership exercises preparing them for their new duties and responsibilities.

Furthermore, the chiefs' mess aboard Chafee said they utilized this year's transitional period as an avenue for improvement and growth, developing more detailed instruction materials and applying traditions used by chiefs of the past to create a more effective chief of the future.

"The chiefs' mess all agreed to mark this season by returning to the real 'time honored' traditions of becoming a chief petty officer," said Command Master Chief (SS) Ben Ray. "We all agreed that we wanted to change things and go back to the real roots of where our naval heritage came from."

Following the Master



U.S. Navy photo by JOSN Ryan C. McGinley
A chief petty officer selectee inspects an inert missile during a helicopter crash drill.

Chief Petty Officer of the Navy's CPO guidance for 2004, Chafee's chiefs started this year's transitional period by equipping their chief selectees with the same T-shirts they wear, hoping to quickly bridge the gap and build a more effective team.

"We wanted them to feel like they were part of the team from day one," said Ray. "The only difference between them and us was that they needed the knowledge that we had and the experience that we had."

"You can't put a price on it," said Chief Cryptological Technician-Technical (SW) Travis Boyer. "Every day that we PT'd, our chiefs were wearing the same shirt as we were, and they were there right beside us."

The chiefs aboard Chafee said they also redesigned the CPO Indoctrination Course, adding essential information and specifying certain areas of the lesson training guides to help produce a more well-rounded Sailor.

"Chafee's chiefs devoted four months and over 500 man hours to develop a unique comprehensive training program," said Ray. "We designed our entire program around how to build a chief, that when he puts his khakis on, he's ready to be a chief."

Another distinctive aspect of this year's transitional period aboard the Chafee is a daily planner constructed by the chief's mess, which they hope will be a more valuable tool in their learning process.

"We wanted a tool we could give them to gain wisdom and use it for the entire time they're a chief petty officer," said Ray. "When things aren't going well, I want them to be able to look in [the planner] and read and have a motivational tool."

All of the selectees agreed the daily planner, which includes pages of history and attributes of a CPO, core val-



U.S. Navy photo by JOSN Ryan C. McGinley
Chief petty officer selectees from the guided missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) use a Naval Firefighting Thermal Imager (NFTI) while participating in a mine hit drill.

ues, a Navy leadership calendar and words of wisdom from other CPOs, is something they will carry with them wherever they go.

"It's been really useful," said Chief Fire Controlman (SW) Troy Cutchens. "I sleep with it, too. I don't let it out of my sight."

The CPO selectees agreed this year's transitional period has been an effective tool in helping them become better CPOs.

"They've empowered us with things that we can use to enhance our Sailors and enhance our leadership," said Chief Operations Specialist (SW) Jamie Kunsman.

The chief selectees listed communication, courage, integrity, flexibility and trust as essential attributes of a CPO. However, the foremost answer given was commitment, something Chief Gas Turbine System Technician-Mechanical (SW) Jason Holmes said he knows quite a lot about, with four children at home and one on the way.

"You have to be commit-

ted to what you are doing because if you're not, nothing else falls into place," said the Indianapolis native. "Not only do you have to be committed on the job, but at home as well."

As a mid-term evaluation, the chiefs took their selectees to an obstacle course at Schofield Barracks, which they said helped them to learn teamwork, something essential for a chief.

"It was very physical and very dirty, but I think it really brought us together as a team," said Chief Master-at-Arms (SW) Kandi Dietrich.

While at the obstacle course, Ray said he had a difficult time with an obstacle because of a fear of heights. But the guidance and support of Chief Gunner's Mate (SW) Donald Miller reinforced everything he and the rest of the chief's mess had been teaching all year long.

"I tell you, I would never have made it without him," said Ray. "It hit home the lessons we were teaching



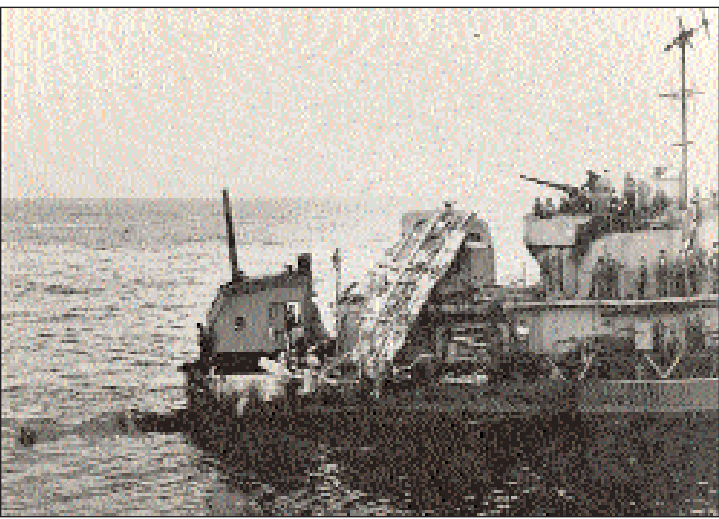
U.S. Navy photo by JOSN Ryan C. McGinley
CTAC (sel.) Ganette Rodriguez and Chief Hospital Corpsman (SW/AW/FMF) (sel.) Jason Crume from the guided missile destroyer USS Chafee (DDG 90) prepare to patch a pipe during a damage control drill. Chafee's chiefs' mess organized a series of battle station drills for the CPO selectees as a culmination of six weeks of arduous physical training, practical team building and leadership exercises that will prepare them for their new duties and responsibilities.

these new chiefs. What a positive motivational tool for myself and my chiefs to watch them use the skills that we taught them in the classroom."

The CPO selectees all praised their shipmates for taking the extra effort to improve upon the transi-

tional period, and hope to improve upon their success for next year's new chiefs.

"The process that we went through, I think everyone should go through," said FCC (SW) Nickolas Karabanoff. "We came together and learned to work together as a team."



U.S. Navy photo

After sustaining major damage in a kamikaze attack during World War II, Cmdr Gordon Chung-Hoon continued fighting until the air attack was over. Once it was safe, Chung-Hoon oversaw damage control and repair efforts that allowed his crew aboard USS Sigsbee to return to port under their own power.

Sigsbee: World War II shipmates recall CO as ‘regular guy’ leader

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after we were hit, he went to damage control to save the ship from sinking. Captain was pulling the wounded out, did everything to save the men and the ship,” related George.

“He came off the bridge and went aft to inspect the damage. He told us to jettison the torpedoes and depth charges to take the weight off,” said former Torpedoman 3rd Class A.J. Politz of Napoleonville, La.

“Sick bay was too small,” he remembered. “It was moved to the ward room. The captain came down, checking with people, asking ‘Are you all right? Where are you wounded?’”

“When burying the dead, he conducted the service,” said George. “I saw the tears in his eyes. I can’t say enough good things about him.”

From the time he assumed command a year prior to the attack, Chung-Hoon had created working and living environment that gave the crew an unshakable confidence in his leadership. He was a different kind of captain.

“There wasn’t a lot of formality, not even a uniform of the day,” remembered former Electrician’s Mate 3rd Class Lyle Buss of Glenville, Minn.

“We all liked him. He communicated with the men. He relaxed the whole crew. He was someone you could talk to,” said Politz.

“I remember when my dad died, I talked to the captain and he picked me up,” said Louis P. Judice of Newiberva, La., who was a water tender second class aboard the Sigsbee.

“He was a real gentleman, a good Navy officer,” said former Sonarman 3rd Class Paul Huber of Douglas, Ariz.

Huber and the other veterans have a lot of stories about their captain.

“We had a demagnetized hull,” he said. “Captain peppered a mine with his rifle until it sank. It took a lot of shots. We were astonished that he was doing it, but that was him. He was a normal guy.”

“I smoked cigars, stogies, the western movie kind,” said George. “Captain asked what kind I was smoking and asked if I had another. I gave him the one in my pocket. He smoked it and loved it. One day I heard, ‘George, report immediately to the bridge.’ Captain says, ‘Hey George, do you have one of those cigars?’

He was a regular guy.”

Chung-Hoon did not limit his leadership to the bridge.

“When we had trouble in the engine room, he came down to help,” said Judice.

“I remember the day I met Capt. Chung-Hoon,” said Buss. “You never sat on an ammunition ready box, but I did. I heard a voice behind me, ‘Sailor, don’t you know not to sit on an ammunition ready box?’ I knew my Navy career was going down. When I was sliding off the box, he said, ‘Sailor, sit still.’ He sat down next to me and asked me all about my life,” remembered Buss.

“No one among the crew ever complained about him,” said Judice. “He never needed captain’s mast. We used the brig for storage.”

However, Chung-Hoon could discipline without saying a word.

“One time, we were in a zigzag formation to avoid subs,” said former Boilermaker 3rd Class Chuck Edwards of Tracy, Calif. “We got out of formation and couldn’t get back. He came up to the bridge, got us back on course and we never heard about it. No one was reprimanded. We could have been court-martialed. We endangered every ship.”

Sigsbee was never out of formation again.

Chung-Hoon’s leadership style did not change after the kamikaze attack.

“He was cool and friendly,” said Buss, remembering the days that followed. “Everybody was doing his job. We went back to a regular routine.”

For his leadership in the aftermath of the attack, Rear Adm. Chung-Hoon was awarded the Navy Cross and Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry and extraordinary heroism.

The captain, a former star of the Navy football team at the U.S. Naval Academy, also kept the focus on the team effort.

“We had a broom at the mast,” said Huber. “We were the first destroyer to have a clean sweep. The Navy band was on the docks. They didn’t do that. [Chung-Hoon] was known as a hero.”

What would Chung-Hoon have said about having a ship commissioned under his name?

“I don’t need it,’ but he deserved it,” said Green after the commissioning.

“He was a very humble man,” Politz agreed.

Makalapa Volcano Room re-opens

MM3 Greg Bookout

Staff Writer

The Volcano Room, a classified conferencing facility located at Makalapa bachelors officers quarters, was re-opened following almost two years of overhaul in a ceremony yesterday.

The renovation process for the center began as former Naval Station Pearl Harbor commanding officer Capt. George Covington’s request to set up a new state-of-the-art meeting center. After consideration, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Hawaii was contracted to engineer and renovate the existing volcano in January 2003.

“The former CO of Pearl Harbor Naval Station, Capt. Covington, wanted to set up a new conferencing center,” said Mike McDavitt, training officer and drug free workplace coordinator for Naval Station Pearl Harbor. “We inherited the Volcano Room over at Makalapa because it is inside the BOQ over there.”

Changes to the room have been significant, vastly increasing the facility’s capabilities. The Volcano Room is now controlled access at all times; the room has two classified computers along with two unclassified.

The floor has been raised three inches to facilitate wiring, telephone jacks, electrical outlets, Navy Marine Corps Intranet connections, and Ethernet connections. It is specially designed with small panels that lift up, exposing these access ports, which were put to use during RIMPAC exercises this year.

“The room was put to use for the first time since renovation as a command center during RIMPAC this year,” said McDavitt. “The command center was set up with about 60 laptop computers.”

The newly-renovated



U.S. Navy photo by MM3 Greg Bookout

Capt. Ronald Cox, Naval Station Pearl Harbor commanding officer, inspects while Mike McDavitt (far left) talks with NavSta executive officer Cmdr. Richard E. Verbeke at yesterday’s opening of Makalapa’s Volcano Room. The room will serve as a secure conference room for the area. Yesterday’s opening came after nearly two years of renovation to the room.

Volcano Room also features a new highly sophisticated projection system.

“What makes this facility unique from other conference rooms is the projection system,” said Ryan Pang, a telecommunications specialist working on the project. “The facility has a 9-foot by 14-foot rear projection glass screen. The two-projector screen uses a piece of equipment called a Jupiter processor to blend the line between the two images to make a seamless image. As a result, the screen can be used as a full screen or divided up into multiple images.”

The facility is now capable of video teleconferencing, which was also put to use for the first time at this facility during the RIMPAC exercises by Vice Adm. Michael J. McCabe, Commander Third Fleet.

“During RIMPAC, the current Third Fleet admiral

used the teleconferencing functions of the facility,” said McDavitt. “A press release was sent out simultaneously to San Diego and Washington D.C. via video-teleconference.”

McDavitt also noted that many commands are ready to make use of these new state of the art facilities.

“Everyone seems to be ready for the Volcano Room to re-open,” said McDavitt. “I have already been approached by several people requesting to use the facility.”

Commander Mark Johnson, officer in charge of the Commander, Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) command center, noted that the re-opening of the improved Volcano Room would significantly increase COMPACFLT’s conferencing capabilities.

“The recently renovated Volcano Room at the

Makalapa bachelors officers quarters has significantly increased the capabilities of the COMPACFLT compound to support meetings, as well as providing a surge space to support real world operations,” said Johnson. “The command, control and communications resources that have been built into the Volcano Room are truly foresighted and stand as a tribute to the forward thinking actions of Navy Region Hawai’i as well as the craftsmanship of the local tradesmen and Public Works. In fact, the construction team expedited work to finish ahead of schedule in support of multinational operation, in which the Volcano Room saw action for over a month, during RIMPAC 2004.”

For more information on the Volcano Room, contact the Naval Station training officer at 473-1779.